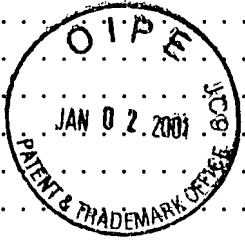


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RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 4, 2000 OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, Applicants amend and remark as follows [unless otherwise indicated, deletions are bracketed, additions are underlined]:

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows: